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SUBJECT: CONFISCATION OF PASSPORT OF SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN:
CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED QUERY FROM CONGRESSWOMAN CARDISS COLLINS (ILLINOIS) ABOUT SHUN CHETTY, SOUTH AFRICAN ATTORNEY, WHOSE PASSPORT WAS CONFISCATED BY SAG AUTHORITIES ON MAY 18, 1976. COLLINS STATES SHE UNDERSTANDS CHETTY HAD BEEN SELECTED AS IV GRANTEE AND WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR U.S. BY END OF SEPTEMBER. SHE REQUESTS DEPARTMENT INTERVENE WITH SAG AUTHORITIES ON THIS MATTER.

2. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT CHETTY, WHOSE NOMINATION AS GRANTEE EXPIRED JUNE 30, 1976, WAS UNABLE TO TRAVEL AT THAT TIME DUE TO HIS INVOLVEMENT IN SASO/BPC TRIAL, AND THAT GRANT WAS THEREFORE AWARDED TO CHETTY'S ALTERNATE. NEVERTHELESS DEPARTMENT WISHES TO BE RESPONSIVE TO COLLINS. IS EMBASSY CONTEMPLATING RENOMINATING CHETTY FOR FY77? IF SO, REQUEST EMBASSY APPROACH SAG AND INQUIRE RE CHANCES OF CHETTY'S BEING ISSUED A PASSPORT IN NEAR FUTURE. ROBINSON
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